

plaining patient, and governs accordingly, his treatment and practice. Equally should this be applicable to a political state of things. The different portions of a community, if they would be prosperous, must look to a mutual dependence on each other, and recollect that to advance the one, and to depress the other, is alike injudicious and wrong. If one suffer, all are likely to participate.

Maryland is essentially interested in the progress and completion of the canal. Her prospects and interest in it, are as material as was the construction of the Erie canal to the state of New York, and which is now producing a revenue beyond the anticipations which were formerly entertained. Of the disbursements thus far made towards the completion of this important work, Maryland has not met but one eighth of the expenditure. If now she shall become lukewarm, and indifferent, there will be none left to take an interest in its further prosecution. Apart from the interest which is felt by a few of the N. Western counties of the state, Virginia has no concern. Her James River Canal improvement, a rival undertaking; and her Richmond coal, which she desires not to be interfered with, will cause her to be entirely indifferent. The District of Columbia, with commendable, though perhaps injudicious zeal, has gone, as far as is prudent or practicable. With a territory, of ten miles square, less than the size of one of the counties of this state, it has subscribed a million and a half of dollars, and its citizens in their individual capacities have subscribed half a million more. Maryland has advanced, but a fourth of this amount, and yet what are the contrasted benefits of the two parties in interest? Scarcely can a comparison be made. The District of Columbia is to be a CONSUMER, not a PRODUCER, as Maryland must and will be. The patriotism of her citizens, in reference to an undertaking on which so much has been embarked, is to be traced to no monied selfish calculation, but to a desire to reduce in price all articles of primary and necessary consumption within their vicinage, in return or in exchange they have nothing to offer but the product of the fisheries along the Potomac. No other commercial reliance is opened to them, and yet to ef-